

THE ALMA RECORD.

VOL. XLII—NO. 26

ALMA, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1919

WHOLE NUMBER 2114

WRIGHT HOUSE IS TO BE REMODELED

New Three-Story Addition Will
Be Constructed Facing
State Street.

PLANS NOW BEING DRAWN

Work, Which Will Start in Spring,
Will Cost Approximately
\$100,000.

Plans are now being drawn by
Maxon & Baackman, Flint architects,
for the remodeling of the Wright
House, and the constructing of a
large addition, with a view of giving
Alma a first class hotel, which will
rank very favorably with those located
in the larger cities of the state.

Although the plans have not yet
been completed, it is known that the
owner of the hotel expects to com-
pletely remodel the present structure,
upon which about \$30,000 is to be
expended, and that Mrs. Brearley
will also erect a three-story addition
facing on State street, which will be
77 by 105 feet. The frontage on
State street will be 77 feet. The ad-
dition will be just to the north of the
present structure, and will contain
three store rooms on the ground floor.

It is expected that the plans will
call for about one hundred and forty
rooms in the hotel, with every room
in the new addition equipped with
either a tub or shower bath.

The cost of the new addition is ex-
pected to be about \$60,000, which
with the \$30,000 to be expended in
remodeling the present structure, will
bring the total cost to \$90,000, ex-
clusive of the fixtures.

The new building will have a terra
cota front and in remodeling the
present Wright House, a terra cota
front will be put on the front to
make it conform with the new build-
ing.

It is the intention of the Wright
House managers to start the
work of remodeling the present
building, and the construction of the
new three-story addition just as
early in the spring as the work can
be started.

FALL CAMPAIGN

Alma Plant of Michigan Sugar Com-
pany Starts Soon.

The Alma plant of the Michigan
Sugar company will open for its an-
nual fall run about the middle of
October according to one of the of-
ficials of the company. A prediction
was made that the run this year
would be a good one and would last
about three months.

The company had a large acreage
this year, there being something like
16,000 acres of beets under contract.
Some of these were lost because of
weather conditions and other reasons,
so that the fall beet harvest will not
be as great as the acreage that was
contracted and planted in the spring.

It is expected that the yield this
year will be just about a medium
yield. Until the rains of last week,
the dry weather had served as a
check on the growth of the beets, so
that they were small, but had a com-
paratively good percentage of sugar.
With the coming of the heavy rains
last week, the beets have started
growing again, so that the yield will
be heavier. It is not expected, how-
ever, that the percentage of sugar
will be any greater.

During the summer months some
extensive repairs have been made at
the local plant, particularly in the
beet sheds which have been practi-
cally rebuilt, and will be in better
shape than ever to take care of the
beets as they come to the plant. The
sheds will also hold a far greater
tonnage than in the past, being of
greater capacity than heretofore.

When the plant starts operations
in the middle of October about three
hundred and fifty people will be ad-
ded to the payroll of the Alma in-
stitution, and during the three
months' run thousands of dollars will
be spent in this city from the pockets
of these laborers. Other thou-
sands will come to Alma and vicinity
through the price that the company
will be paying to the farmers of the
county for the beets which they have
raised.

Already men are coming here with
the expectation of securing work in
the sugar factory, nearly thirty hav-
ing arrived in Alma yesterday, in
charge of one of the field men of the
company.

LEGION MEETING

The attention of all former service
men is called to the fact that the
charter for the Alma post of the
American Legion has arrived from
the National headquarters, and that
a meeting of the ex-service men will
be held at the high school Friday
evening, October 3, at 8:00 o'clock for
the purpose of enrolling under the
charter.

The American Legion is a strictly
nonpartisan, nonpolitical organiza-
tion which has been organized for
the purpose of securing justice and
fair play in all matters in which ex-
service men are concerned. All for-
mer service men are requested to be
present at the meeting.

WIN CLASS RUSH

Outnumbered by the Freshies, Sophs
Make Game Fight and Win.

Although outnumbered almost two
to one the sophomore class of Alma
college won the annual class rush
Monday morning from the members
of the Freshman class by keeping the
class banner aloft from the flag pole,
and repelling all efforts of the first
year men to clamber up and pull
down the bunting.

Realizing how slim their chances
for winning the rush were, as they
were so badly outnumbered, the
Sophs began to waylay Freshies on
Saturday and to stow them away in
places, where it was thought that
they would remain safely tucked
away until after the big event of
Monday morning, but in some manner
every Freshie managed to get loose
and turned up at six o'clock Monday
to take part in the fight for the hon-
ors of the day.

The Sophs defended the flag-pole
and their much prized bunting, and
for fifteen minutes defeated every
attempt of the Freshies to smash
through the defense around the pole
and secure the bunting.

CHURCHES OF CITY

TO HAVE RALLY DAY

Sunday, October 5, Named by
Churches of City by Alma
Federation of Churches.

Announcement was made last Sun-
day that October 5th is to be ob-
served as Rally Day by the churches
of Alma. On that day the people of
the city are to seek the churches of
their choice and all who have not
already done so are asked to enlist
for regular service throughout the
year. The fact that all the evangeli-
cal churches are co-operating makes
the day one of unusual interest.

For years Rally Day has been ob-
served by some of the Sunday schools
at this time of year. Its purpose is
to re-gather at a specified time all
workers who have fallen away from
the habit of regular church attend-
ance because of the heat of the sum-
mer. It is a day also when special
efforts are made to enlist new work-
ers and on which all organizations
start with full force upon the year's
tasks. Not before have the churches
made common cause, but this year
the expectation is to reach the entire
city by a united effort. The slogan
for the day will be "Every citizen
in some church today."

The body under whose auspices
Rally Day is being arranged is the
"Alma Federation of Churches." This
body, composed of representative
laymen and the pastors of the evangeli-
cal churches of the city, is plan-
ning several city wide moves for the
present season and the "City Wide
Rally Day" is the first.

It is believed that every right-
minded citizen will be glad to co-
operate in the plans which the Fed-
eration have in mind. The morale
of the town depends to a very con-
siderable degree upon the vigor of
its church life. The provision which
the founders of this country made in
the laws of the land whereby they
set aside one day in seven and en-
couraged the worship of God on that
day and the consideration of the
right standards of living, is one of
the best safeguards the land pos-
sesses. As our people gather week
after week to the churches the habit
of right thinking and right doing is
fostered and that high morale upon
which democracy must ever depend if
it is to succeed has been not only
preserved but engendered. Anything
which will now increase our church
attendance will increase our general
right-mindedness and will lift the
morale of the city even above its
present good level. Everyone should
lend a hand on Rally Day to secure
such an end.

WILL BE FINISHED SOON

The work of remodeling the old
quarters of the Alma fire department
in the city hall is going forward
rapidly and the work is expected to
be completed within the coming
month. The west portion of the
lower floor is being divided into three
rooms, which will move from its pre-
sent quarters when the new place is
ready. The other two rooms will be
for the use of the ladies. One at the
southwest corner will be the ladies'
rest room, while a room being con-
structed to the rear of this one will
be used for a ladies' toilet. A side-
walk along the west side of the city
hall is to be constructed leading to
this room.

ELECT OFFICERS

The Junior class of Alma college
has elected the business manager
and editor for the Maroon and Cream,
the college annual, and given them
authority to appoint assistants. The
annual officers selected follow:
Editor, Lee Sharrar; business man-
ager, Howard Hendrick; assistant ed-
itors, Esther Fredericks and Virginia
Blick; assistant business manager,
Neal Calkins; art editors, Marion
Chick and Lyle Barnhart; Jokes, P.
Robinson; athletic editor, W. Rich-
ards.

Oliver Thomas in "Toton," Idlehour
Friday.—adv.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-tf-c.

COLLEGE MAY GET \$50,000

One-Fortieth of Great Fund Is
Pledged Institution if It
Raises \$250,000.

YEAR AND A HALF GIVEN

Sum is Part of Two Million Which
the New Era Movement Will
Use for Endowments.

Announcement was made yester-
day at chapel by President H. M.
Crooks of Alma college to the effect
that approximately \$50,000 had
been pledged to the local institution
by the General Board of Education
of the Presbyterian church, contin-
gent upon the college securing \$250,-
000.00 on its endowment campaign by
March 31, 1921, at which time the
pledge is payable, if the required
amount is secured.

The amount pledged is really two
and one-half per cent of about
\$2,000,000.00, which the New Era
movement will have during the col-
lege year 1920-21 to be used in col-
lege endowments. This means that
Alma college will secure one-fortieth
of the total amount which numerous
other colleges throughout the country
are also seeking to share in.

At the present time Alma college
has slightly over \$50,000 of the re-
quired \$250,000, which the institution
must raise in order to obtain the
share in the money which is set aside
for college endowments by the New
Era World movement.

The New Era World movement ex-
pects to have a like sum each year
for the use of college endowments
for a period of five years, as this
great inter-church movement realizes
the necessity of Christian education,
and is providing for it to the best of
its ability.

This means that during the com-
ing year and a half Alma college
authorities must work with a vim,
if they hope to reach the mark that
is needed to secure the \$50,000. It
means the immediate resuming of
the endowment campaign which was
cut short by the entrance of the
United States into the great world
war, and the waging of a stronger
campaign than ever.

The college authorities have high
hopes that they will be able to
achieve the goal that has been set,
and that by March 31, 1921, they
will have added the needed amount
to the endowment to secure the
pledge of one-fortieth of the amount
which the New Era Interchurch
movement has set aside for this
work.

OPEN SEASON

Coach Wood's Alma College Eleven
Open with Detroiters Saturday.

Coach Alger H. Wood's Alma col-
lege football team will open the 1919
season Saturday afternoon, playing
Detroit Junior College on Davis field,
and in view of the few veterans that
the new athletic mentor has on hand
this year, hopes are not any too
bright for a victory.

An accident has already robbed
Coach Wood of one of the most prom-
ising of the bunch of new men who
turned out for the eleven, Walker,
former Ypsi normal fullback, having
broken a collar-bone in practice one
night last week. This will probably
keep the former Ypsi star out of the
game for six or seven weeks.

The green material seemingly is
rounding into shape in good style,
but it will not be until after the can-
didates that have been under fire that
a line can be drawn on the probable
strength of the Alma gridirers this
year. The fans are still hoping for
a fast aggregation, but there seems
to be little chance that Coach Wood
will be able to grind out an eleven
which will be able to stack up suc-
cessfully against the veteran teams
which Albion, Kalamazoo, M. A. C.,
Hillsdale and other schools are al-
ready claiming.

Detroit Junior college last year had
one of the strongest football aggre-
gations in the state, and defeated the
Detroit University football aggrega-
tion, as well as other well known
fighting machines. This would indi-
cate that the Detroiters might have
a speedy eleven this year, but word
from Detroit is to the effect that
Detroit Junior has only a few of the
veterans on hand, who performed for
that school last year.

This might indicate that Coach
Wood's eleven will have a good op-
portunity for a victory in the opening
game, such as the fans are hoping for.
Just what the line-up of the local
eleven for the opener will be has not
been decided, and it is probable that
Wood will give a big string of candi-
dates a chance to show their wares
under fire. It is believed that Wood
will start Captain Hebert at quarter,
Milford and Tebo at the halves and
Bill Richards at full. Spooner and
Mills will undoubtedly start at the
tackles, and Kemp and Miller at the
guards. There is no telling who will
start at the ends or at center.

Be sure to see Madge Kennedy in
"Through the Wrong Door," Idlehour
Wednesday. It's great!—adv.

HONORS FIELD

Former Alma College Coach Named
Athletic Director at Albion.

It was announced the first of the
week that the executive board of con-
trol at Albion college had decided to
name a permanent director of ath-
letics at the Methodist college, and
that Paul Field, better known as
"Ike," had been named for the place.
Field came to Alma early this
spring and had charge of the base-
ball team of Alma college, which
lost the M. I. A. A. title because of
being rained out of the final two
games at the M. I. A. A. finals at
Albion in June. Field has a number
of friends in Alma, who wish for him
a high degree of success at Albion,
except of course, when his teams are
battling with the sturdy athletes of
Alma college.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Instructors of County Schools
Heard Inspiring Addresses
at Sessions Here.

The Gratiot County Teachers' In-
stitute held in Alma yesterday and
today is proving an inspiration to
all who attend, both teachers and
other citizens. The first session
opened at the high school auditorium
Wednesday morning with Supt. E. E.
Fell of Holland as conductor.

The opening exercise consisted of
an inspirational song service con-
ducted by Miss Joan Sherman, musical
director of Alma public schools. Rev.
Gaston of the Presbyterian church
invoked Divine blessing, after which
Hon. F. B. Pearson, Superintendent
of Public Instruction of Ohio, was in-
troduced and spoke upon the theme,
"The Reconstructed School." Dr.
Pearson said he was not seeking
popularity but speaking in behalf of
an education, the purpose of which
is to train the boys and girls into the
kind of men and women we would
like them to be in future years. He
staid the teaching of reading, writing,
arithmetic, etc., were only means to
an end, but the real things that con-
tributed to the best manhood and
womanhood, were imagination, initia-
tive, aspiration, appreciation, integ-
rity, loyalty, sense of responsibility,
and reverence, and he gave a very
apt illustration of each one of these
attributes which entered into the life
of every successful man and woman.

No one could listen to the words of
Dr. Pearson and not be inspired to
do greater things and render a more
faithful service.

After the recess period, Miss Sher-
man rendered a very pleasing vocal
solo, and President D. B. Waldo of
Kalamazoo Normal School was in-
troduced and spoke upon "The Future
of the Teaching Profession."

He urged the need of more and
better training and emphasized this
by stating that over fifty thousand
teachers in the United States have
but an eighth grade education, one
hundred thousand but a ninth grade,
and two hundred thousand but a
tenth grade education. One-half of
the teachers are under twenty-five
years of age and the average pay is
ridiculously small amounting to only
\$500 per year which is not sufficient
for a decent living in these times.

He said many men and women are
leaving the teaching profession be-
cause the pay is not adequate and
unless something is done to provide
better pay, the most important ser-
vice of educating the people of the
country for the great duties of citi-
zenship will fall into the hands of
young and inexperienced people. He
urged the establishment of a De-
partment of Education, with a Sec-
retary of Education a member of the
President's cabinet. He said the time
has gone by when schools can be
run on gush and sentiment; they
must be conducted upon a business
basis by competent people or fail.

The afternoon session was held at
the Presbyterian church and the
teachers were given an unusual treat
in the way of an organ recital by
Miss Roberts and a solo by Professor
Hosmer of the Alma College Depart-
ment of Music, both of which were
greatly appreciated.

President Waldo spoke on "Some
Fundamentals of Good Teaching,"
and Dr. Pearson spoke of "The
School and the Community." Both
addresses were very helpful and gave
Gratiot county teachers some real
food for thought and a message to
carry back to the boys and girls.

The morning session opened with
a song service, with invocation by
Rev. Priest of the Baptist church,
and Supt. E. E. Fell gave a very
helpful address upon the theme, "The
Professional Spirit."

Two hundred thirty people have
enrolled, and Commissioner Howard
Potter is to be congratulated upon
the success of this educational meet-
ing which has been a source of in-
spiration to all who attended.

CHURCH WORLD MEETING

A meeting of the Inter-church world
movement will be held in Cleveland
today, at which preliminary work for
the religious and educational survey
of the country will be started. H. M.
Crooks, president of Alma college,
has been named to have charge of the
educational survey in Michigan, and
is in attendance at the meeting in
Cleveland today.

NO IMMEDIATE STRIKE RESULT

Republic Motor Truck Company
Inc., Fairly Well Supplied
with Steel for Present.

LOCAL COMPANY FORTUNATE

Number of Automobile and Truck
Companies in State Have Only
Small Supply on Hand.

Reports from all parts of the state
indicate that nearly all of the auto-
mobile and truck factories of Michi-
gan have only a small amount of
steel on hand, and that in case of the
great steel strike being a prolonged
one that two or three weeks will see
some of these factories closing down.
An interview yesterday morning
with Mr. C. G. Rhodes, secretary of
the Republic Motor Truck Company
Inc., of this city, brought forth the
fact that the local company is fairly
well supplied with this material at
the present time and that there is no
immediate danger of the Republic
plant being closed down by the strike.

Unless the strike continues for a
number of weeks it is not believed
that it will seriously affect the local
industry, that is employing more
people than any other Alma insti-
tution.

This seems to indicate that the
workers in Alma will not be forced
to idleness because of the great
steel strike, which is being felt in
every score of states in which steel
mills are located.

Some of the large factories in De-
troit and Flint have reported that
they will not be able to operate for
more than two or three weeks, while
other factories in those cities are
claiming to be well fortified against
closing, by having a large quantity
of steel on hand.

WIN OPENER

Locals Defeated St. Louis High 27 to
6 in Clean Contest.

The Alma high school football
team covered itself with glory in the
eyes of the local fans when it hum-
bled the St. Louis high school aggre-
gation Monday in the opening game
of the season by a score of 27 to 6.

The game, while hard fought from
start to finish by both teams, was a
clean one, far more so than had been
expected by those who had been
familiar with the four years of se-
vered football relations, and the clean
play during the entire game is most
creditable to the players of the two
teams, and to the coaches of the
aggregations.

Coach Mullin's eleven won the toss
and St. Louis kicked to the locals
to start the battle. After a good
return the ball was down near mid-
field. On the first play a forward
pass was hoisted down the field to
B. Sartor, who eluded several St.
Louis players and carried the ball
over for a touchdown. Goal kicked
making the count 7 to 0.

During the balance of the quarter,
until just before time was called the
ball saw-sawed back and forth near
the middle of the field, with neither
eleven having much of an advantage.
Sartor then intercepted a St. Louis
pass and traveled nearly thirty yards
to the goal line. The try at goal
failed, leaving the count 13 to 0 for
the locals.

At the start of the second quarter
St. Louis kicked to Alma and on the
first play the locals tried the forward
passing game again and again B.
Sartor connected with the pass and
carried it to the goal line for a touch-
down. Goal was kicked making the
count Alma 20, St. Louis 0.

In the third quarter St. Louis start-
ed off with a rush and during nearly
the entire quarter outplayed and out-
fought the Orange and Black and
finally, after a series of line plunges
and fake cross backs shoved the ball
over for a touchdown in the corner
of the field. The try at goal failed.

In the last quarter the Alma eleven
pulled together again and started on
a march that did not end until Crech
had planted the ball behind the St.
Louis goal for the fourth touchdown
of the game. The try at goal was
made making the score Alma 27, St.
Louis 6, where it stood when time
was called.

B. Sartor with his clever picking
of forward passing, Stearns with his
line smashing and Crech and Capt.
Pembroke with their good field
work were the stars for the locals in
the opening bout.

Considerable credit for the show-
ing of the locals in the opening game
must go to Coach Mullin, who is
rounding out what is expected to be
one of the speediest aggregations that
the high school has had in the past
few years.

Score by quarters 1 2 3 4 Tot
St. Louis high 0 0 0 0 0
Alma high 13 7 6 7 27

Frank Rudick attended the Saginaw
County Fair at Saginaw yesterday.
Gordon French, former Alma col-
lege athlete, and the first Alma col-
lege man to leave college and enlist
when the United States entered the
war, has returned home. Yesterday
French arrived in Alma to visit with
former college friends for a few days.

SOME TRUCK

Indiana Man Tells of Remarkable
Endurance of a Republic Truck.

C. E. Downend of Angola, Indiana,
was in Alma the first of the week,
and while here told of a Republic
truck, which had been doing duty for
six years at Angola, and had shown
a remarkable small upkeep cost,
which speaks highly for the build of
Republics and the high grade of the
material which is put into them, and
tells its own tale of Republic superi-
ority.

A bottling company there has a
truck which has been doing duty for
six years, making daily trips of
thirty miles, seven days each week,
every week of the year. The trips
are made over stone roads which are
far from the best. During the six
years only \$14.00 has been expended
in upkeep on this truck.

Mr. Downend, who is the Republic
distributor in Angola, was in Alma
on a business trip to the plant, when
he told the story of this Republic
truck, which certainly stands up to
one of the Republic slogans, "Repub-
lic Superiority."

SEEK \$5,000 FUND

FOR ALMA ATHLETICS

Students and Alumni of Alma
College Have Started Cam-
paign to Secure Money.

The students and alumni of Alma
college are uniting in an effort to im-
prove Davis field and other athletic
equipment to the extent of \$5,000,
which it is hoped will be available in
the very near future for the work
which is being contemplated.

This big movement has had its be-
ginnings with the student body of
the college. At a recent meeting of
the athletic association President H.
M. Crooks acted as spokesman and
presented an estimate of the require-
ments made out by Athletic Director
Alger H. Wood and others who have
been most prominent in their inter-
est in athletics at the college. Ath-
letic equipment, acknowledged as a ne-
cessity in the promotion of health
and happiness among college stu-
dents, has increased in price to a
great extent. Over twelve hundred
dollars will be required to properly
equip the teams that Coach Wood
will send onto the field to represent
Alma this year.

Davis field needs new bleachers,
estimated to cost \$1,500. A new
roadway, appropriate to dignify the
entrance to which it leads, new sod
on the football gridiron, a new sur-
face on the running track, several
inches of loam and clay on the base-
ball diamond are all needed. These
will cost from \$750 to \$1,000.

Last year the tennis courts were
crowded past their capacity, and two
new courts adjoining those now in
use are planned as well as a court
at Wright Hall, solely for the young
women who wield the racket. The
old courts are also in need of sci-
entific treatment. This will cost about
\$800.00.

Another requirement, neglected
during the course of the war, is a
new outfit of bleachers. A cyclone
two years ago, possibly caused by the
atmospheric disturbances due to the
explosions in Europe, totally wrecked
the grandstand. During the war
students and faculty gave liberally
to the various drives for war funds,
and athletic equipment by unanimous
consent was forced to wait. At least
\$1,500 will be needed for a system of
portable bleachers that can be moved
to any desired position adjoining the
field of play.

Miss Pollock, new physical in-
structor for women, believes in out-
door sport for young ladies. Tennis
is to be developed, as well as hockey.
A hockey field back of Wright Hall
is to be prepared and equipped at a
cost of \$250.00.

Alumni have been called into coun-
sel and the only dissent from the
plan of the students was a protest
that the students were too modest
in the estimate of their needs. Old
students from Alma and nearby cities
discussed the project Tuesday even-
ing and appointed committees to co-
operate, but insisted that a fund of
\$5,000 be sought. Everyone present
believed that the students, alumni,
trustees and friends of the college
would readily subscribe to such a
fund.

The securing of the fund will be
started at once, and out of town
alumni and old students asked to aid.
Committees of business men will be
formed. Students will be asked to
pledge money and work to make the
whole program a success.

By June, 1920, every old thing is
to be in first class condition, and
most of the new things begun at
once. The spirit that made small
Alma college a feared and respected
opponent on any field or floor is to
be applied to the largest constructive
program ever launched in the notable
history of Alma college athletics,
which have reached such a standard
that Coach Brewer of M. A. C.
dubbed Alma "The Yale of the West."

E. E. Seig, George Ogden, H. L.
Scharlach, C. A. Miller and R. B.
King will be in Saginaw this evening
to take the consistory. It is expected
that a number of other Alma Masons
will accompany the gentlemen to
Saginaw.

WHOLESALEERS WERE IN ALMA

Members of Detroit Association
Visited in This City
Yesterday.

BANQUET AT THE REPUBLIC

Service, Transportation and Good
Roads Were Matters Taken for
the Discussions.

On Wednesday of this week a large
number of representatives of the De-
troit Wholesale Association were in
this city with a view of promoting
better business relations with Alma
business houses, and to take up mat-
ters of vital interests, common to
both the wholesalers and the local
men, among the most important of
which was better transportation serv-
ice.

During the earlier part of the day
the Detroit wholesalers called upon
their Alma patrons, during which
time informal discussions regarding
the trade were taken up between them.

Shortly after noon a banquet was
tendered to the wholesalers at the
Republic cafeteria, to which the visit-
ors to the city and the local busi-
ness men did full justice.

Following the banquet, Mr. Chas.
G. Rhodes, secretary of the Repub-
lic Motor Truck Company, Inc., acted
as toastmaster. Mr. Rhodes made
the visitors welcome in behalf of the
big Alma factory, after which the
Hon. Charles R. Murphy, mayor, ex-
tended a welcome in behalf of the
city.

A. H. Nichols of Buhl & Sons of
Detroit was called upon by Mr.
Rhodes for a few remarks, in which
he spoke of the warmth of the re-
ception which the Alma business men
had extended to the visitors, and of
the warm feeling which the Detroit
wholesalers had for Alma. The
matter of freight service was taken
up by Mr. Nichols, who spoke of the
efforts which were being made to
better the service between Detroit
and Alma, and he stated that during
the past seven days every car of
freight shipped to Alma from De-
troit had reached its destination
within two days. After speak-
ing of the splendid growth of
Alma during the past few years Mr.
Nichols called attention to the
growth of Detroit, and how it had